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SUBJECT: BRASS TRAFFICKERS

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1. THE GKR WILL ISSUE AN ANNOUNCEMENT OVER THE RADIO TONIGHT AND SHORTLY MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE PRESS A STATEMENT REGARDING ILLEGAL BRASS TRAFFIC. AN UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF THE PUBLIC STATEMENT FROM THE ORIGINAL FRENCH FOLLOWS:

DECLARATION OF THE GOVERNMENT

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC WAS APPROACHED TOWARDS THE END OF OCTOBER 1973 BY THE HIGH COMMAND AND BY THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE ON THE SUBJECT OF TRAFFICKING IN EXPENDED BRASS CASINGS BY BOTH MILITARY AND CIVILIANS. IMMEDIATELY, ACTING UPON THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC, SUPREME COMMANDER OF FANK; THE HIGH COMMAND HAS TAKEN MEASURES TO INTERDICT THE SALE TO

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PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS OF LEFTOVERS FROM FIRING (EMPTY SHELL CASINGS)

AND HAS ASKED THE UNITS TO TURN THEM INTO THE SUPPLY DEPOT IN EXCHANGE FOR NEW SHELLS,
THEREBY CONFORMING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN ON 7 MARCH 1972. ALL MILITARY NOT ABIDING BY THESE INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE BROUGHT BEFORE A COUNCIL OF WAR AND THEN MILITARY TRIBUNAL. AT THE SAME TIME, A ROVING TEAM TASKED WITH INQUIRY AND INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN ORGANIZED BY THE GENERAL STAFF TO OVESEE THE STRICT EXECUTUION AND TO FOLLOW UP AND ARREST VIOLATORS.

SINCE THE DATE THESE MEASURES WERE PLACED IN EFFECT, THE HIGH COMMAND HAS OBTAINED THE FOLLOWING RESULTS:

PHNOM PENH 46,420 KGS OF CONFISCATED CASINGS

BATTAMBANG 6,871, KGS OF CONFISCATED CASINGS

TAKEO 4,200 KGS OF CONFISCATED CASINGS

GIVINGS US A TOTAL 57,491 METRIC TONS OF CONFISCATED EMPTY CASINGS.

THOSE PERSONS IMPLICATED IN TRAFFICKING AND ARRESTED BY COMPETENT AUTHORITY ARE:

IN PHNOM PENH

MILITARY

1. 2LT KYH SABUTH, IN PROCESS OF BEING BROUGHT BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF WAR.

2. PVT CHAN SAMAN, IN PROCESS OF BEING BROUGHT BEFORE THE MILITARY TRIBUNAL.

CIVILIAN

1. MAU AN IN PROCESS OF BEING BROUGHT BEFORE THE MILITARY TRIBUNAL.

2. OK LY, IN PROCESS OF BEING BROUGHT BEFORE THE MILITARY TRIBUNAL.

3. VEN CHAMROEUN, IN PROCESS OF BEING BROUGHT BEFORE THE MILITARY TRIBUNAL.

BATTAMBANG

MILITARY

1. LT CHAN SAMAN, FUGITIVE AT LARGE.

2. LT TAN SUNTHAV IN PROCESS OF BEING BROUGHT BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF WAR.

3. 2LT EL BUNNY IN PROCESS OF BEING BROUGHT BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF WAR.

4. SGT MOENG SENG IN PROCESS OF BEING BROUGHT BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF WAR.

5. SGT HEM BAN IN PROCESS OF BEING BROUGHT BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF WAR.

6. SGT KEN SOK KHA IN PROCESS OF BEING BROUGHT BEFORE THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COUNCIL OF WAR.

7. PVT CHM PHAN IN PROCESS OF BEING BROUGHT BEFORE THE MILITARY TRIBUNAL.

8. PVT NHOK VAN IN PROCESS OF BEING BROUGHT BEFORE THE MILITARY TRIBUNAL.

9. PVT NHOK CHAN IN PROCESS OF BEING BROUGHT BEFORE THE MILITARY TRIBUNAL.

CIVILIAN

1. MISS OUCH HAM, IN PROCESS OF BEING BROUGHT BEFORE THE MILITARY TRIBUNAL.
2. TRACH KIM, IN PROCESS OF BEING BROUGHT BEFORE THE MILITARY TRIBUNAL.
3. THENG YOU BY HENG IN PROCESS OF BEING BROUGHT BEFORE THE MILITARY TRIBUNAL.
4. MA TRUNG IN PROCESS OF BEING BROUGHT BEFORE THE MILITARY TRIBUNAL.
5. MISS KHLOT NGIM IN PROCESS OF BEING BROUGHT BEFORE THE MILITARY TRIBUNAL.
6. CHOUR HENG IN PROCESS OF BEING BROUGHT BEFORE THE MILITARY TRIBUNAL.

OFFICIALS RELIEVED FROM DUTY ARE:

1. THE GOVERNOR AND SUB-DIVISION COMMANDER OF KOH KONG.
2. THE GOVERNOR AND SUB-DIVISION COMMANDER OF KAMPOT.
3. THE COMMANDER OF TAKEO.

A COLLECTION, CLASSIFICATION & SALVAGE COMPANY HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AS PART OF FANK TO WORK IN CLOSE LIAISON WITH MEDTC. A LAW FORBIDING THE SALE OF SCRAP BRASS AND SCRAP METAL OF MILITARY ORIGIN, EXCEPT THAT AUTHORIZED BY THE INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE WILL BE STRINGENTLY ENFORCED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

THE ORDER HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE NATIONAL POLICE TO FIND AND CONFISCATE ILLEGAL STOCKS OF THESE PRODUCTS OF MILITARY ORIGIN FROM PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS.

THE GOVERNMENT AND THE FANK HIGH COMMAND CALL UPON ALL MILITARY AND CIVILIAN AUTHORITIES, TO ELND ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION TO THE COLLECTION, CLASSIFICATION AND SALVAGE COMPANY SO THAT THEY MIGHT EFFECTIVELY COMPLETE THEIR MISSION IN THE INTEREST OF NATIONAL DEFENSE.

DONE AT PHNOM PENH, 22 DECEMBER 1973.

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